

We understand that Bell South has petitioned the FCC to remove any oversight the FCC may exercise over the terms on which Bell South provides access to ISPs. We believe this would remove any need for Bell South to offer competitive terms with respect to competitive service to anybody, consumes as well as ISPs. Bell South does not provide service in our area. SBC does. I am not certain whether there is any relationship between Bell South and SBC, but SBC certainly takes every advantage of its monopolistic position. They did eventually allow me to connect with an ISP (Sonic) on acceptable terms, but it took a lot of time and a lot of agony, screw ups, missed appointments, etc. Vern Watters